

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Shimoji et al.
App. No	:	10/564,874
Filed	:	January 17, 2006
For	:	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	:	Orkin, Alexander J.
Art Unit	:	3773
Conf No.	:	3870

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 24, 2010 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and response** begin on page 5 of this paper.

In the accompanying Request for Continued Examination transmittal, Applicants have requested that the Response to the Final Office Action be entered and considered. In addition, Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.